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For : SCRATCH-RESISTANT OPTICAL MULTI-LAYER SYSTEM
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- (1) U.S. Patent No. 5,858,526 (FLOCH et al.), January 12, 1999;
- (2) DE 196 13 645 A1, October 9, 1997;
- (3) U.S. Patent No. 6,236,493 B1 (SCHMIDT et al.), May 22, 2001; Applicants note that this document is a family member of document (2);
- (4) DE 198 23 732 A1, December 2, 1999;
- (5) U.S. Patent No. 6,455,103 B1 (MENNIG et al.), September 24, 2002; Applicants note that this document is a family member of document (4);

- (6) SCHMIDT et al., "Optical Materials by a Modified Sol-Gel Nanoparticle Process", Proceedings of SPIE, vol. 3943, 2000, pp.74-84;
- (7) MENNIG et al., "Interference Coatings on Glass Based on Photopolymerizable Nanomer Material", Thin Solid Films, vol. 351, 1999, pp. 99-102;
- (8) MENNIG et al., "Sol-Gel NIR-reflective Multilayer Coatings on Glass through UV-polymerizable Ceramic Nanoparticles", Mat. Res. Soc. Symp. Proc., vol. 576, 1999, pp. 415-421.

Applicants further direct the Examiner's attention to the following documents cited and discussed in the present application:

- (9) DE 1 941 191, January 14, 1971; Applicants note that this document is cited and discussed in the present application, beginning at page 1, line 12;
- (10) U.S. Patent No. 3,759,683 (DISLICH et al.), September 18, 1973; Applicants note that this document is a family member of document (9)
- (11) U.S. Patent No. 3,847,583 (DISLICH et al.), November 12, 1974; Applicants note that this document is a family member of documents (9) and (10);
- (12) OLIVEIRA et al. "Generation of Wet-chemical AR-coatings on Plastic Substrates by Use of Polymerizable Nanoparticles", SPIE, vol. 3136, 1997, pp. 452-461; Applicants note that this document is cited and discussed in the present application, beginning at page 1, line 24;
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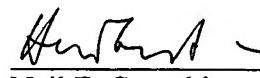
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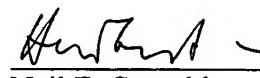
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